

ಶ್ರೀ ಹೆಚ್. ಡಿ. ದೇವೇಗೌಡ — ಆಮೇಲೆ ಈ ಅಧಿಕಾರಿಯನ್ನು ತಾವು ೭ನೇ ಮಾರ್ಚ್ ೧೯೭೫ರಲ್ಲಿ ಹೊಸ ಜಾಗಕ್ಕೆ ಪೋಸ್ಟ್ ಮಾಡಿದ್ದೀರಿ. ಅವನನ್ನು ಅಲ್ಲಿಗೆ ಬಂದು ರಿಪೋರ್ಟ್ ಮಾಡಿಕೊಳ್ಳಬೇಕು ಎಂದು ಸರ್ಕಾರದವರು ನಿರ್ದೇಶನ ಕೊಟ್ಟಿದ್ದರೂ ಆ ಅಧಿಕಾರಿ ಹಳೆಯ ಕೆಂಚಿನಹಳ್ಳಿಗೇ ಹೋಗಬೇಕು ಎಂದು ಒತ್ತಡ ತಂದಿರತಕ್ಕದ್ದು ನಿಜವೇ? ಒಂದು ವೇಳೆ ಒತ್ತಡ ತಂದರೆ ಅದಕ್ಕೆ ಸರ್ಕಾರ ಮಣಿಯುವುದಿಲ್ಲವೇ ಎನ್ನುವುದನ್ನು ತಿಳಿಸುತ್ತೀರಾ

SRI D. DEVARAJ URS.— It is obvious that we won't listen to such things.

(iii) re: Over-crowding in B.T.S. Buses

2-30 P.M.

SRI T. R. SHAMANNA.— I call the attention of the Minister for Transport and Tourism to the inconvenience caused to the travelling public due to over-crowding in B.T.S. buses.

SRI M. MOHAMED ALI (Minister for Transport).—Sir, I wish to make the following Statement :

Government is aware of the transport problems of the B.T.S. commuters. There has been sudden spurt in the traffic especially with the hike in petrol price. The number of commuters travelling in the B.T.S. busses has increased by about 1½ lakhs per day i.e. from 3½ lakhs prior to October 1973, 5 lakhs of passengers per day are now being carried.

2. In order to cope up with the increase in the number of passengers, 51 New busses have been added to the fleet of the B.T.S. In addition to commissioning new buses, the number of trips have also been increased on a number of routes. Further, standee have been added. With these measures, the number of seat kilometres offered has increased from 34.4 lakhs of seat kilometres to 45.10 seats kilometres per day. It is true that some over-crowding is inevitable during the peak hour period. However in order to meet this peak hour crowding, the K.S.R.T.C. has increased the peak hour trips from 87 to 162 in addition to diverting a number of trips to Vidyalaya Soudha, Accountants General's Office and other important traffic centres during the peak hour period.

3. With a view to meet the increasing demand of commuters in Bangalore City, it is proposed to deploy 46 more buses and 20 Road Trains. Orders are being placed for 10 Double Dockers. Further, recently 2 Road Trains were commissioned in to service on Nelamangla route. In addition to these measures, it is proposed to introduce shuttle services between important traffic points and undertake rationalisation of route pattern with a view to increase the vehicle turnover.

4. With particular reference to delays, it may be stated that the busses are being operated to time schedules excepting for delays on account of traffic congestion or hold-up of buses at crowded traffic points and automatic signals during peak hours. Some times delay was also being caused on account of Rest of half-an-hour being given to the drivers and conductors as per the provisions of the Motor Transport Workers Act during the course of their duty when the vehicles are required to idle at the terminal points. This rest hour is now being provided during the lean hour period as far as possible.

SRI T. R. SHAMANNA.— Ever since I became a member of this August House, there is no year in which I raised the question of nuisance of traffic difficulty in Bangalore City. The reply we receive every year is the same. The question of over-crowding has not been solved. The question of people standing in Queue for hours together is not solved. Further more, the question of stopping the bus beyond the bus stop is not solved. The question of people standing on the foot Board is not solved. As a matter of fact I do not get auto rickshaw or bus every evening because all of them are engaged and there will be no accommodation in the bus or I do not get auto rickshaw. If this is the miserable position of a Member, you can think of the miserable position of the general public. Some relief is very necessary in this regard.

SRI M. MAHAMED ALI.— With the increase in population and increase in the number of travelling public, the problem will always be there. If we solved the problem to some extent, it will pose some other problem. I have given the details that have been contemplated to meet the increasing traffic requirements of our Bangalore City. I do not know why the Hon. Member is taking trouble of travelling in the bus, when a car is already allotted to him.

SRI T. R. SHAMANNA.—I have to spend one thousand rupees on that. I am considering whether it is worthwhile to spend one Thousand rupees.

SRI M. MOHAMED ALI.—You can make use of the scooter which is also allotted to you.

#### **Twenty fourth Report of the Committee on Private Members Bills and Resolutions (Presentation)**

SRI B. P. KALAM. (Deputy SPEAKER).—I present the twenty-fourth report of the Committee on Private Members Bills and Resolutions.

SRI P. M. Bangi.— Madam, I move: "That this Assembly agrees with the 24th Report of the committee on Private members Bills and resolutions"